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Eason Receives GMRC's Elected Official of the Year Award

Dillard, Georgia December 2, 2022 – At the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission's (GMRC) Annual Meeting held at the Dillard House on Friday, December 2, 2022, Mike Eason, Mayor, City of Dawsonville was presented the 2022 Elected Official of the Year Award.

Chosen annually by the senior management staff of the GMRC, the award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership, support, and vision for the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission. Mayor Eason currently serves on the GMRC Council and has been a huge supporter of the GMRC.

Heather Feldman, GMRC Executive Director stated: *"Mayor Eason sets an outstanding example of the strong determination, bold ideas, and the incredible amount of grit it takes to get things done in government. His pride for his community is unwavering and his humble personality is admired by all."*

On receiving the award, Mayor Eason stated: *"The GMRC is a fantastic organization, which provides amazing support to cities and counties throughout its region. They help with grant writing and planning and provided the design draft for our Farmers Market here in Dawsonville. I am proud to serve on the Commission and on the Executive Board."*

Other awards presented included the **Appointed Official of the Year** – John Sell, Community & Economic Development Director, White County; **GMRC Employee of the Year** – Mr. Joe Rothwell; **Council Member of the Year** – Courtney Umbehant, Mayor, City of Lavonia; and **Chairman's Award** – Ken Schubring, GMRC Vice-Chairman.

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The Georgia Mountains Regional Commission is one of 12 planning and development districts in Georgia focused on providing technical assistance to 12 counties and 37 municipalities in the areas of planning, economic development, information services and technology, and workforce development. The purpose of the GMRC is to promote regional cooperation, to coordinate the activities and policies of member local governments, and to provide assistance to local governments. www.gmrc.ga.gov

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